
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

April 2023

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 04/03/2023 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

Supervisor	Henry Reinart
Clerk	Megan Frank
Treasurer	Julie DeHaan
Trustee	Eric Commons
Trustee	Jerry Williams

Citizens present: 10

Public Comment: Poverty Exempt, Recycling Curbside questions.

Reports:

a. Visiting Officials:

- a. Scott Beltman (County Commissioner) – 123.NET beginning preliminary mapping. Lawsuit filed against Board of Commissioners about moving County Clerk, Treasurer, and Drain Commission, etc.
- b. Tyler Frank (Assistant Fire Chief) – 141 calls YTD: 22 in Monterey. 29 personnel paid on-call staff. 7 certified instructors. 23-24 FY began 4/1/23. New training/requirements is now 60 hours.
- c. Brian Busscher (Assessor) –

b. Township Board Members:

- a. Frank – Financials done/bills paid. Payroll complete. Still working on cemetery ordinance. Hamilton Public Schools Election in May. Ballots heading out for AV's. Received 11 apps. 1 Ballot. Newsletter draft complete and ready to review. Finishing up FY22-23 entries.
- b. Reinart – Nothing that is not discussed in meeting.
- c. DeHaan – Spoke with United Bank. CDARs for \$500,000.00 4.55% for 1 year. Signed up for MTA Conference on 4/20/23. Settled with County with bank and 1 check in negative and handled.
- d. Williams – Nothing
- e. Commons – Nothing.

c. Other Township Boards:

- a. Planning Commission –Discussing Solar ordinance. Hope to have something by September 2023.
- b. ZBA – Has a meeting 4/17/23 (regular scheduled). Nothing on agenda.
- c. Fire – Meets 4/18/23
- d. EMS – Approved most recent budget. 7% increase. \$194,000 should be saved annual to help with repairs/maintenance of building and rigs. Committee will be formed to look into First Response vehicles.
- e. Library – Hopkins Township signed their contract for the construction plans. Construction will be complete by 12/1/23. Library will be looking into big project plans (siding, windows, etc.) Next meeting 4/11/23.

Approve Minutes: Frank motion to approve the March 2023 Meeting Minutes. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Approve Financials: Frank motion to approve the March 2023 Financials. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Pay Bills: Frank motion to pay bills for the month of April 2023. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates – Sand mine(128th and 32nd): Lori been in contact with Attorney and company and will be sending a cease and desist letter. Concert in Sept. 2023 where parking is in Monterey Township.
- b. Cemetery Maintenance: Cemetery walk through 4/3/23. Lots of smaller branches on the ground and lawn care have not picked up leaves yet but will be doing that soon. Several trees close to the end of their life cycle.
 - i. Frank made a motion to allocate \$5,000.00 for Schafer Tree Company and Henry to decide on Tree maintenance in the Cemetery. Williams supports.
 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - b. April 22nd, 2023 Hopkins FFA Clean up 9AM – 12PM. Rain Date: April 29th, 2023.
 - c. Repairing of Old Stones: 4 stones that need to be worked on.
- c. Township Policy Book – April 10th, 2023 Work meeting.
- d. ARPAS Funding Projects – Expenditure report due 4/30/23.
- e. Broadband – Meeting at Allegan Township Hall. Meetings will be held monthly for updates in regards to progress.
- f. Hall Repair – Pushed to next month.
- g. Digitizing Records – Graphic Science out of Madison Heights.
- ~~h. Drain District Concerns~~
- i. Bond Management Plan – Nothing.
- j. Hall Internet – Frank will be contact AT&T for more information about possible Term & Conditions.
- k. Township Newsletter – Will sent to Henry to put on Website and post at Township Hall.
- l. Memorial Day Program – Scheduled for 5/29/23. Patrick White to be asked about speaking.
- m. Solar Panel Ordinance – Planning Commission discussed last month. Fire concern (will be discussing with Departments).

New Business:

- a. 2023 Road Maintenance Work Orders – Looking at 130th (30th to 26th), 26th (126th to 128th), 130th (34th to 30th), and 125th (36th to 35th). Work order passed.
- b. Flood Mapping Ordinance – FEMA required.
- c. Salem Township Park Grant – Henry wrote letter of approval to DNR for Grant help.
- d. Salem Township Fire – Henry spoke to township board about turning township fire department into district fire department.
- e. Poverty Exemption Policy – BOR wanted to task the Board to relook at policy.
- f. Recycling Curbside Agreement - Price increasing.
 - i. Williams motion to approve the program with Republic. Reinart supports.
 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- g. Camp Beechpoint – Resolution requested for 50/50 Raffle.

- i. Frank move to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses. Williams supports.
 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

- C. Avery: Neighbor concerns/Sand Mine concerns.
- E. Collier: Tire Recycling question
- H. Kohler: Recycling question.

Adjournment – Frank motion to adjourn. Commons supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 8:20PM.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval